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House Resolution 1291

By: Representative Bryant of the 160th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending Pastor Elder Willie Ferrell for his life of dedicated service to his church,
- 2 community, and fellow citizens; and for other purposes.
- 3 WHEREAS, Elder Willie Ferrell is the Pastor of the Royal Church of Christ, Inc., in
- 4 Savannah, Georgia, and a currently licensed minister; and
- 5 WHEREAS, while serving in the Armed Forces in 1969, Pastor Ferrell accepted the call to
- 6 ministry and has acted in faithful service to his calling for 37 years; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Pastor Ferrell has lived a life dedicated to community and spiritual service,
- 8 embodying his personal commitment to his fellow man; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Pastor Ferrell has served as Local Sunday School Superintendent and District
- 10 Sunday School Superintendent for 12 churches, as the Regional Coordinator of Leadership
- 11 Conference for 47 churches across the State of Florida, and the State Coordinator of
- 12 Conventions and the Assistant to the Bishop of the Churches of God in Christ in Florida's
- 13 Third Jurisdiction; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Pastor Ferrell has also served his community through numerous volunteer
- organizations and missions: serving many years as a Volunteer Chaplin for the Chatham
- 16 County Jail and Savannah police Department, serving as Director on the Project Success
- 17 Board of Directors since 1995, serving as an active member of the N.A.A.C.P., serving as
- 18 founder of the Savannah/Chatham After Care Program, serving as director of the Beacons
- 19 Initiative S.T.B., serving as a Board member to the Silent Witness/Crime Stoppers and the
- West Savannah Minister for Human Revitalization, and also serving as the Founder and
- 21 Director of the Savannah/Chatham Ministerial's Council for Responsible Fathers; and

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1 WHEREAS, in recognition of his many outstanding achievements, Pastor Ferrell has

- 2 received numerous awards, including the WTOC Hometown Hero Award and Leadership
- 3 Savannah award and was also nominated for the Chatham County Volunteer of the Year
- 4 Award; and
- 5 WHEREAS, his service and dedication to helping others has brought honor to his family,
- 6 including wife Margaret Ferrell and his five children, and to his community and this state and
- 7 it is only fitting and proper that he be recognized by this body.
- 8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
- 9 the members of this body commend Pastor Elder Willie Ferrell for his many achievements
- 10 and contributions.
- 11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House is authorized and directed to
- 12 transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Pastor Elder Willie Ferrell.